

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 3, 12, 14, 16, 20 and 22-24 and ADD new claim 25 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (CANCELLED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method in a commodity sale transaction via a network, the method comprising:
 - displaying items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities on a user's terminal;
 - preparing a table indicative of correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required to attain the commodities;
 - acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user via the terminal from the table;
 - retrieving the commodities based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition;
 - and
 - displaying, on the terminal, information on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of specifications corresponding to the at least one object of use selected by the user.
4. (ORIGINAL) The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, wherein the network is Internet.
- 5-11 (CANCELLED)
12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus executing a

transaction with an Internet terminal by way of Internet, the apparatus comprising:

a database of a commodity for sale;

a communication unit for transmitting information for displaying items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities on the Internet terminal; and

a retrieval unit for retrieving the database based on at least one object of use selected by a user operating the Internet terminal; and

~~wherein~~ where the communication unit transmits information of a commodity having a specification corresponding to the selected object of use to the Internet terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a client terminal on Internet and executing a transaction via Internet with a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus comprising:

a communication unit receiving information of items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities from the server;

a display unit displaying the items for the plurality of objects of use of the commodities; and

an input unit selecting at least one of the displayed items of the objects of use, and

~~wherein~~ where the communication unit transmits to the server the selected object of use, ~~and~~ receives from the server information of a commodity having a specification corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring a user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use, and the display unit displays the received information.

15. (CANCELLED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer program product allowing a computer that executes a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, comprising:

displaying objects of use of commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of correspondence between the objects of use and

specifications required to attain the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table;

retrieving the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

17-19 (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, the method comprising:

displaying objects of use of commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required to attain the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition ; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

21. (CANCELLED)

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, the method comprising:

displaying specifications of commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required to attain the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user

operating the terminal from the table;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having the ~~selected~~retrieved specification without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

displaying selectable commodities usage information corresponding to commodities via a terminal;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one of the selectable commodities usage information selected by a user; and

retrieving the commodities based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition and displaying data regarding a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected commodities usage information on the terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the usage information selected by the user.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

receiving a selection of at least one selectable commodities usage information corresponding to commodities via a terminal, where each selectable commodities usage information corresponds with a respective specification information; and

retrieving and displaying data regarding a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selection of at least one selectable commodities usage information via the terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected usage information.

25. (NEW) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

automatically displaying a specification information of the commodity upon an input of a selection of usage information by a user, where the usage information is stored correspondingly with respective specification information to provide the user with the respective specification information of the commodity without requiring the user to have knowledge of the specification

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